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It is a beautiful thing to model a statue and give it life; to mold an intelligence and instill truth therein is still more beautiful.—Hugo.

TOMORROW.

Tomorrow is Red Cross Seal Day.
Every dime you contribute tomorrow by the purchase of seals goes into the grand campaign against tuberculosis—a battle much more worth while than that which is stretching Europe prostrate with the expenditure of blood and treasure.

In Hawaii the anti-tuberculosis campaign is winning definitely. Its progress in saving lives is not a matter of theory but of proved fact.

Buy your seals tomorrow. Join the Red Cross corps which labors in peace-time as well as war-time!

CAN'T BE EXPLAINED AWAY.

Witness after witness called by the grand jury has told of conditions at the county jail which constitute a scandal—conditions of laxity, incompetence of administration and notorious privileges to the McGrath-Bower-Boggs-Scully gang.

It is true that the majority of those witnesses were inmates of the jail at the period they tell about; that they were there for violating the law. Therefore to some persons their stories should be utterly discredited.

Discount their stories as much as possible; allow for exaggeration, for spite against the jailers, for desire to get even with the men who put them in jail—make all these allowances—there yet remains a statement which proves something radically wrong in the county jail administration when McGrath escaped.

It is simply impossible for men such as those who have testified to fabricate their stories, to give them in such wealth of detail, and then to have these stories corroborate each other in essential detail. It is simply impossible that these stories could be made to fit so nicely with known facts concerning the McGrath escape, were there not basis for truth in them.

To say that the witnesses are jailbirds is no answer, no denial, no explanation of the charges. From whom but men in the jail could the revelations come? Not from bankers, church deacons, sugar planters, or merchants!

WHAT SHALL THE LEAGUE DO?

"What Shall the League Do This Year?" is the question to be propounded at the annual meeting of the Men's League of Central Union Church next Tuesday evening.

The league is a force, through good citizenship, for a better city. It numbers scores of energetic and wideawake citizens. And there is plenty for it to do in the way of constructive work.

Someone has proposed that an attack on the social evil in Honolulu be considered. Commercialized vice, bulwarked in Iwilei, is growing to proportions scarcely realized except by police, prosecuting and jail officials, physicians, ministers and social workers—in short, those whose business brings them in direct contact with the victims of the wretched system of vice-bought and paid for.

The problem of criminal lawlessness might also engage some attention. Life and property in certain districts are anything but safe. In Manoa and at Waikiki burglars are plying their calling industriously and with audacious boldness and with disgraceful frequency. The joy-rides which imperil safety and the joy-rides who laugh at the laws continue in spite of three years of almost incessant agitation on the part of public organizations and the press. Criminals are treated like privileged characters, once they are sent to jail, and their escape from jail is made easy. Policemen engage in drunken brawls; discipline in the police force is at the lowest ebb; the men who should be guarding the safety and security of the city give a woeful exhibition of laxity.

These are two of the dark pictures. There are brighter ones in whose painting the league might assist. There are fine ones in whose painting the league has assisted.

Here are some of the activities in which it has done conspicuously good work:

1. Anti-tuberculosis campaign.
2. In juvenile court, as "Big Brothers," pioneers in the local movement. To be continued this year.
3. "Friendship Section." Saturday invita-

tions to tourists to visit Sunday church services.

4. "Layman's Missionary" work. The league now has Mr. and Mrs. Dean Walter Wickes in China.

5. Legislative committee, J. A. Rath, chairman, watches closely work of the legislature. Advises on social legislation.

The Men's League has shown its ability to grapple with social problems. It takes ability, unbounded energy, willingness to endure reproach, calumny and misunderstanding to enter a "clean-up" campaign against vice and lawlessness. But no more inspiring opportunity awaits the good citizens of Honolulu than this of serving their city by making it cleaner and better socially as it is being made cleaner and better physically.

Honolulu is striding along the road of progress in sanitation, beauty, public conveniences, industry, education, philanthropy. Why should there be allowed to remain, in a city which prides itself on modernity and cleanliness and progressiveness, the plague spots of vice? Why should there be toleration of lawlessness and the sort of administration which encourages lawlessness?

THE BURDEN.

The grave and measured statement in the House of Commons by the financial secretary of the treasury that Englishmen must be prepared to surrender to the government no less than half of their incomes, either as a tax or loan, must make the people of England ponder deeply on the cost of war, says the San Francisco Examiner.

What this war will cost, not only those engaged in it, but their posterity for generations to come, is strikingly shown by Secretary Montagu's statement. There is no reason to believe that it will bear more cruelly upon British taxpayers than upon those of other nationalities. Great Britain is largely financing her allies, but their debt to her will have to be paid by them in time of peace. Germany is spending no less money than other belligerents, and although thus far her debt has been incurred mainly with her own people, it will have to be paid with interest. Whether in form of direct or indirect taxes, the prophecy that half of all European incomes will for long time to come be taken by the state is probably well founded.

A great part of the working class of every nation, even our own, earns a bare subsistence. What will happen if the state, by one device or another, exacts one-half of this already slender stipend for taxes? The victims will face starvation. If they emigrate, will the United States be eager to receive them? If they stay at home, will they endure starvation meekly? Or will they rise in revolt and destroy their governments and the values of the bonds that will be their bonds of slavery?

The United States cannot look with indifference upon the drift of Europe toward this maelstrom. Any state of chaos there would inflict injury upon us by closing our markets and flooding our shores with fleeing Europeans. Even while we remained, as at present, a debtor nation, a European cataclysm would work tremendous injury to us, but if unwisely and most imprudently we become Europe's greatest creditor, lending our money to any and all of the belligerents, such an overthrow of governments and credits in Europe, as is quite possible, would overwhelm us, too, with bankruptcy, penury and distress.

The attention of the territorial grand jury is invited to the fact that Sylvester Cullen, the policeman who visited the home of a grand jury witness supposedly to "beat him up," already has an efficient record in that line of fistie activity. In 1911 he was found guilty in the circuit court of assault and battery with a pair of brass knuckles and was sentenced to serve nine months at hard labor. It would be interesting to find out just how he landed a job on the police force after this exhibition of observing the law.

Col. Sam Johnson is off to Kauai to recruit another national guard battalion or two and it's safe to say he will do it. He has a large stock of enthusiasm to begin with, and the cultivated knack of imparting it to others.

Indignant Chinese is suing because he was called a buffalo. What would he do if called a Bull Moose?

Villa's ability to "come back" in 30 days is problematical.

Letters of TIMELY TOPICS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

THE CAVELL CASE.

Honolulu, T. H., Nov. 4, 1915.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,
Sir: Both the British and the American press sharply criticized the action of the German government for coming to the execution of an English nurse and also prosecuting seven other women for the serious offense of high treason.

For the sake of fair play and also for the benefit of those who are not acquainted with the facts surrounding the circumstances of the case, I have translated the statement (official) of the under secretary for foreign affairs, Dr. Alfred F. M. Zimmermann. Dr. Zimmermann declares that he has gone most searching into every detail concerning the case and he has come to the conclusion that the verdict of the court was a just one. His explanation is as follows:

"It is very hard indeed when a woman has to be executed, but one must consider what will become of a country which is in a state of war, if it pardons a woman who has committed a crime against the security of its army."

"No law books, least of all those which contain the laws of war, make any distinction between sexes, with the exception of one legal rule, that is when a woman is in a pregnant condition only then the law forbids the execution. In all other cases men and women are considered equals in the eyes of the law and only the gravity of the guilt makes a difference in the verdict for the crime and its consequences."

"In the Cavell case I have most cautiously examined the decision of the court. With the help of all available evidences I have gone searching into the case, so as to get all facts and data concerning the same."

"The result is so positive and the accompanying circumstances are so clear that no conceivable in the world would have come to a different decision than that of the German court in Brussels. This is not a case of one single person only, but of a well-thought-out and world-wide plot, through which it was made possible to render the enemy, for over nine months, valuable service to the disadvantage of the German army."

"Numerous British, Belgian and French soldiers are again fighting in the ranks of the Allies who can thank

this society, of whom Miss Cavell was the head, for their escape out of Belgium. When such conditions prevail under the very eyes of the authorities then there is only one remedy and that is to exact the law to the fullest extreme. If a government omits to take the same actions under these circumstances, then it neglects its elementary duties to the army and its security; these duties in war time are of more importance than any others."

"All those who were prosecuted were quite aware of the seriousness of the offense. The court was most particular on this point. Some of the defendants were acquitted because the court was in doubt as to their full knowledge of the seriousness of the case."

"The German government had posted numerous notices all over Belgium, giving the population full warning that if any person is caught giving the enemy any assistance the same will suffer the heaviest penalty, even the penalty of death."

"I will admit that the motive of the offense was a noble one and that the same has been done for the love of the country. But in time of war one must be willing to sacrifice their blood for the love of their country, whether this happens on the battlefield or under the same circumstances as stated above."

"Amongst the Russian prisoners in Germany many women were found in soldier's uniform. Now supposing these women were killed on the battlefield, would anybody have made a hue and cry about killing these women? Why, no. Miss Cavell faced the same dangers as her comrades did on the battlefields."

"The weakness of the enemies' argument points out that they do not question the just verdict of the court but to stir up the public opinions by untruthful reports of the execution of Miss Cavell. It was stated that the soldiers at first refused to shoot, but later they shot so bad as to miss her. Then an officer went up to her and shot her several times in the head with his revolver."

"This is an absolute falsehood. I have the official report in my possession. The execution passed off strictly according to the standing rules of the law. After the first salvo was fired the doctor declared the unhappy woman as dead."

The above is a true translation of the Cavell case as stated by Dr. Zimmermann and I would certainly be very much obliged to you if you will kindly give this a space in your valuable paper.

Thanking you in advance for the favor,
I am, dear sir,
Very respectfully,
THEODORE RICHTER.

MEMO'S OF MEETING OF CITY SUPERVISORS

Tuesday night, November 9, is the date set for the next meeting.

City Engineer Whitehouse called the attention of the board to the fact that Queen street wooden paving is buckling up under the heavy rains, and submitted his plans for putting it back into passable shape.

Supervisor Arnold introduced a resolution calling for \$500 to pay for preliminary engineering work on Kala-kaua avenue. The same supervisor introduced a resolution appropriating \$400 for engineering work in Manoa.

Dr. R. G. Ayer, police surgeon, was given instructions last night to draw up plans for handling the new police ambulance, word having been received by the supervisors that the new ambulance truck is en route to the city.

Mayor Lane announced to the supervisors last night following several inquiries that the appointment for the purchasing agent job will be announced some time next week. In the meantime E. J. Dotts is superintending the work.

Three slippery hill streets in the vicinity of the city—Judd, Pukaki and Moanalua—are to be roughened, according to a resolution which passed first reading last night before the board of supervisors. Engineer Whitehouse having submitted plans by which the roughening work may be done. The resolution calls for an appropriation of \$1900.

JAPANESE EMPEROR TO LEAVE TOKIO SATURDAY

(Special Marconigram to Hawaii Shiping.)

TOKIO, Nov. 5.—The Japanese emperor will go to Kyoto on November 6 at 7 a. m. by special train to prepare for the coronation ceremonies. He will rest one night at Nagoya palace, which is about half way between Tokio and Kyoto.

"IDEA OF GOD" TOPIC OF NOON TALK AT Y. M. C. A.

David Cary Peters in a short talk at the Y. M. C. A. this noon told the business men of the city of "The Idea of God." Mr. Peters stated that God is a person. "Person" has been defined by psychologists as something that has intellect, sensibility and will, or to be able to know, to feel and to act.

Mr. Peters took the scripture for a definition of God, which was "Light, Love and Spirit." Mr. Peters stated that the definitions for a person and for God were parallel and stated that the modern ideas of God and the scriptural idea are one and the same.

GOMPERS INVITED TO CORONATION DINNER BY JAPANESE CONSUL

(Special Marconigram to Hawaii Shiping.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. Nov. 5.—Y. Numan, Japanese consul in this city, has invited Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to attend the banquet which will be held at the Palace Hotel on Coronation Day, November 10.

Joseph F. Meyers, former Texas Labor Commissioner, was assigned by the Department of Labor at Washington to go to Phoenix, Ariz., to confer with Governor Hunt on the copper mine strike situation.

Hundreds of Jews who had fled to a synagogue as a refuge in Belgrade when the Austro-Germans attacked the town, were killed when the building collapsed under bombardment.

An appeal for the people to take all gold and silver jewelry, plate and other articles of these metals to the mints for conversion into bars or coin was issued by the Austrian government.

Swiss soldiers arrested the French and British Ministers to Switzerland as they were motoring near Neuchâtel. They were released with an apology when their identity was discovered.

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Personal Mention

RAYMOND C. BROWN, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is today moving his family from his Manoa valley residence to a new home at Waikiki.

CHARLES A. KIBLING, for many years purser on the Inter-island steamer Claudine, is reported to be seriously ill at his home on south King street. Mr. Kibling retired from active service about two years ago.

ED TOWSE was the speaker of the evening at the Filipino Y. M. C. A. last evening, giving an illustrated lecture on the Exposition. Mr. Towse told the members of the association of the beauties of the Fair, and also gave them an idea of the life on the Zone and a talk on the Hawaii building.

FORBES GIVES AWAY REVOLVER THAT LAY SNUGGLED IN DESK

Superintendent of Public Works Charles R. Forbes has given away the revolver that formerly lay snuggled away in his desk in the rooms of the harbor commissioners. The superintendent has wished the firearm on to his clerk, Frank Poor, and Mr. Poor, not knowing what to do with it, has taken it home and filed it away among his keepsakes.

Last night the weapon was displayed in the harbor commission rooms for the third and last time, after which rumor has it that Mr. Poor sneaked it home on the street car, and left it. Poor admits this morning that he has the weapon, but does not

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—WILLIAM F. YOUNG, postmaster: The postoffice department may be prosecuting me for neglect of duty. I have been away from the office for two days, because I was subpoenaed as a witness in an old court case.

—CAPT. TROELS SMITH, Matson steamer Hyander: Now that I have been honored with the captaincy of the Matson, I hope to see Honolulu more frequently than I have been doing. I have always liked this port. I say what he intends to do with it. It was also learned today that Forbes was presented with the gift by one C. H. Brown.

Investigation in Germany has shown that the partridge eats the seeds of many noxious weeds and insects destructive to plant life, therefore deserves protection.

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